

To expedite the prosecution of this case, claims 18-19, and 24, as well as claims 20-23 and 25, which had been copied in all material respects from U.S. Patent No. 5,009,693, have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants have submitted a Fourth Substitute Reissue Declaration which is believed to satisfy the requisites of 35 U.S.C. § 251, and a Substitute Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double-Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent which is believed to satisfy the requisites of 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

The claims remaining in this application are fully supported by the original disclosure in U.S. Patent No. 4,883,527, as issued. Applicants wish to note that, in addition to the many reasons stated in the parent applications to this Reissue application, it is clear that claim 17 is fully supported by the specification and contemplated by the inventors as their invention, as evidenced by the original title, "Bent Glass Sheet Quench," given Application Serial No. 07/083,675 (the application for the '527 patent that is the subject of this Reissue application) when it was filed on August 7, 1987. This fact, considered in light of the other support in the specification previously identified by Applicants, clearly establishes that Applicants invented an improved quench as well as a combined bending and quenching apparatus.

Applicants have also filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement concurrently herewith which identifies all references cited during the prosecution of Applicants' related U.S. and foreign applications. The listed references include references not previously cited in connection with this application, including specifically U.S. Patent Nos. 3,799,752 and 4,540,426 which relate to adjustable quenches. Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable over this art.

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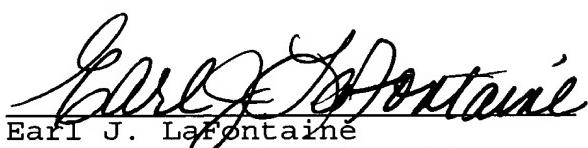
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As such, consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited.

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